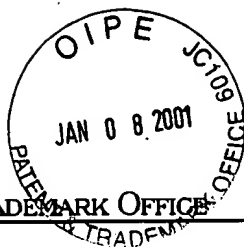




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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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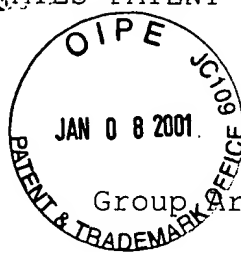
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Please charge Deposit Account No. 14-1270 in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge for filing the Declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e).

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